

program in 1968 by John P. Healey at Saint Frances Cabrini School in San Jose, CMT is the oldest performing arts institution in San Jose.

Since its foundation, CMT has followed its mission of using musical theater to educate and nurture the young people in our community to get involved with art and theater at a young age. Indeed, CMT has grown from a grassroots volunteer organization to one of the largest theatrical training and performing organizations of its kind in the nation. CMT's 50 seasons have engaged around 50,000 performers and so far staged 364 productions.

As the leading youth theater in our community, CMT offers classes and camps to children as young as four years old and performance opportunities to children as young as six. Indeed, CMT offers invaluable experiences through theater to children between four and 20 years old, casting all who audition for its youth theater productions and awarding scholarships to some participants in their fee-based programs.

CMT has thrived as an invaluable artistic organization in our community, receiving 10 awards for artistic excellence from the National Endowment for the Arts. Its artistic vision, under the direction of Kevin R. Hauge since 1996, has helped to bring hundreds of thousands of performance arts patrons to Downtown San Jose, contributing to the cultural renaissance and development and economic vitality of our city.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Children's Musical Theater San Jose for its 50 years of extraordinary contributions to the cultural arts community in our city and its sustained leadership in the development of the young members of our community.

LANE PEARSON NAMED  
OUTSTANDING REALTOR FOR 2017

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lane Pearson for being named the Houston Association of Realtors/Fort Bend County Outstanding Realtor for 2017.

Lane Pearson, of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Gary Greene, was recognized for her leadership and support of the Fort Bend County Realtor community. Not only has Lane demonstrated great leadership professionally, but she has also served in many volunteer leadership roles to improve our Fort Bend community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Lane Pearson for being named the Houston Association of Realtors/Fort Bend County Outstanding Realtor for 2017. I thank her for her enduring commitment to making Fort Bend County a great place to live.

HONORING JOHN A. HOBBS IN  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, John A. Hobbs, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. He is simply one of the most amazing men I have ever known.

A native Nashvillian, John A. has lived a life for the storybooks and he's still going strong. He's worked hard all of his life, for example delivering telegrams to the Tennessee Governor's Mansion when he was just a young man during the Depression. I am confident that there was never a better delivery boy than John A. Hobbs. That's why he was chosen to go to the Governor's residence.

As an adult, he saw Nashville's promise long before anyone else, and understood the impact that country music, Opryland, and tourism could have on our city. He has invested his heart and soul into helping Nashville and Middle Tennessee live up to its potential. Nashville is now one of the hottest cities in America due, in part, to John A.'s foresight and energy.

You can read about many of the extraordinary things John A. has done for Middle Tennessee in the excellent book, "The Life and Times of Music Valley's Visionary."

John A. is a devout Catholic and dedicated family man with a large and talented extended family. He built many businesses with his four sons and grandsons over the years, and has developed some of Music City's most iconic attractions for both tourists and lifelong residents.

Despite John A.'s success, he never lost touch with his roots, his childhood friends, and his neighbors. Nobody loves Donelson and its people more than he does.

I particularly love John A.'s lively monthly breakfasts that bring the whole community together and where Nashvillians go to be seen. Where are they held? At the night spot named "John A.'s," of course. You simply cannot win an election in Davidson County unless you are a regular attendee.

I wish John A. Hobbs the happiest of 90th birthdays. He is a truly kind, generous, and wise man. The United States of America, the greatest nation on earth, was built by men like John A. Hobbs, members of the greatest generation.

I am proud to call him my friend.

RECOGNIZING NOAH MCMOYLER  
FOR HIS TALENT AND DETERMINATION

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Noah McMoyler of Dublin, California, for his amazing talent and unwavering determination that led to his recent selection and performances as a contestant on NBC's "The Voice."

Better known by his stage name, "Noah Mac," this Dublin High School senior is truly a

self-taught musician, though he got his start in the most heartbreaking way. When Noah was seven years old, his 19-year-old sister, Stevie—a big inspiration to him—lost her battle with brain cancer. Stevie loved music, which inspired Noah to sing one of her favorite songs at her funeral. He shocked his family and friends with the clarity and quality of his voice.

In the years that followed, Noah spent a great deal of his time teaching himself piano, guitar, and drums, and writing and recording music in a studio he built himself in his family's backyard shed.

Noah quickly gained local attention after his performances at local cafes and school talent shows, and he also starred as Benny in Dublin High School's successful 2016 production of Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical "In the Heights."

In 2017, Noah released his first EP, "Light," and months later, his blind audition for "The Voice" blew the judges away.

With performances of songs including "In the Air Tonight," "Hold Back the River," "Speed of Sound" and "Ordinary World," Noah warmed the nation's heart and made his family, friends and neighbors extremely proud.

Noah, now 18, describes his passion for the musical process: waking up with a melody in his head, writing lyrics, composing, arranging, and bringing the song to life in production. For him, he says, every song is like a unique painting full of color and meaning.

Noah's unrelenting drive and the beautiful music he creates are an inspiration to his fellow students, his neighbors in our 15th Congressional District, and now to the entire nation.

I am honored to count Noah among my constituents, and I wish him even bigger successes in the future.

NEEDVILLE VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS  
EARN STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Needville High School Girls Volleyball Team for their fifth state championship and for the impressive awards team members received from the Texas Sports Writers Association (TXSWA), Texas Association of Volleyball Coaches (TAVC) and Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA).

The team, led by TXSWA and TAVC Coach of the Year Amy Schultz, had a remarkable 43–6 season, culminating in their fifth state championship. Anna Gadway was voted TXSWA 4A Player of the Year. She was also named state tournament MVP and made the TAVC and TGCA all-state teams. Sydney Sacra was voted TAVC 4A MVP, earned TXSWA first-team all-state honors and made the TGCA all-state and all-academic teams. Kaitlyn Kovarcik was a TXSWA first-team selection, TAVC all-state honoree and TGCA all-state academic scholar. Hayden Smyers made the TXSWA second team, as well as the TAVC and TGCA all-state squads. Janssen Cain, Kailey Labay and Peyton Sulak made the TGCA all-state academic list.